

Volume II – General E-Filing Overview

Purpose

Volume II – General Overview provides a summary of the E-Filing system process and the applications currently available for E-Filing. The following topics are addressed in this section:

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What Is E-Filing?

E-Filing Is...

E-Filing is a quick, easy, and convenient alternative for you, or your representative, to complete, pay for, and submit benefit applications to the USCIS at any time, from any computer with Internet access.

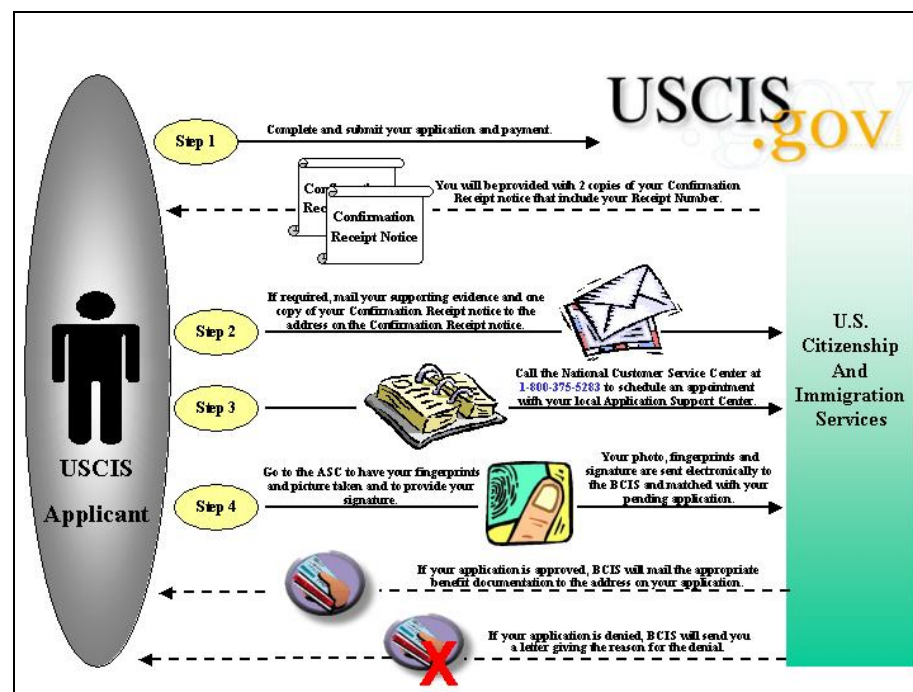
- Upon completion of the E-Filing session, you will receive instant electronic confirmation of application submission; and
- You can then self-schedule for an appointment to visit your local Application Support Center (ASC) for collection of a digital photograph, signature, and fingerprint, where appropriate.

E-Filing Is Not...

USCIS does not give priority to E-Filing application submissions over paper-based application submissions. Whether through E-Filing or paper-based application submissions, both will be processed in the same queue, manner, and date order in which USCIS receives the application(s).

General E-Filing Process Steps

A process flowchart, summarizing the general applicant E-Filing process, is provided for your reference. Steps 1 – 2 apply to all applicants and Steps 3



– 4 are only required for those applicants requiring a visit to the ASC to perform biometrics capture. Detailed instructions outlining useful E-Filing features, such as how to track forms' progress and concurrently file applications, can be found in [Volume III - Getting Started](#).

After you submit your application, USCIS will:

- Send you an official paper receipt, Form I-797, Notice of Action, within 10 days after receiving your application.
- Conduct Federal mandated background checks.
- Set up your case file.
- Add any additional supporting documentation you submit to your case file for archival purposes.
- Electronically link any required biometric data transmitted from an ASC.

- Adjudicate your application, in the order it was received, to determine if your benefit will be granted.

USCIS Applications Available for E-Filing

The USCIS has implemented the following applications for E-Filing:

- Form I-90, Application to Replace Alien Registration Card (see [Volume V](#))
- Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker (see [Volume VI](#))
 - I-129W, H-1B Data Collection and Filing Fee Exemption (provided as a supplemental form to I-129)
- Form I-129S, Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition (see [Volume VII](#))
- Form I-131, Application for Travel Document (see [Volume VIII](#))
- Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker (see [Volume IX](#))
- Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status (see [Volume X](#))
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (see [Volume XI](#))
- Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status (see [Volume XII](#))
- Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service (see [Volume XIII](#))
- Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative (applied to only the forms listed above) (see [Volume XIV](#))